

# News from

## General

The Carnegie Corporation of New York has appropriated \$55,800 for the development of libraries in technological colleges. Sums ranging from \$3000 to \$6000 have been granted eleven colleges for the purchase of books for general undergraduate reading. These grants are to be expended over a three-year period beginning in October 1941.

## East

Dickinson College of Carlisle, Pa., has inaugurated reading periods to encourage student reading for research and leisure in the new James W. Bosler Library. The reading periods, during which time the student will be released from attendance at classes, last two weeks in each semester, and are preceded by conferences between student and professor on the proposed independent study.

*The Bulletin Board* is the name of the new weekly mimeographed sheet issued by the staff of Pennsylvania State College Library, Willard P. Lewis, librarian. It is described as a "publication of, by, and for the library staff." In addition to weekly news items, the sheet carries a brief list of new and interesting books. The first number appeared on November 3.

Among the papers recently transferred to the Franklin D. Roosevelt Library were letters of opinion received by the President from the public on various domestic and foreign policies of the administration during 1933-41; letters from clergymen in reply to the President's cir-

cular request of September 23, 1935, for advice on problems of social legislation and unemployment; correspondence of Mrs. Franklin D. Roosevelt, 1934-37; and letters received by James A. Farley from leaders of the Democratic party during the campaigns of 1930, 1932, and 1936. The work of arranging the manuscripts and books is going forward rapidly but they are not yet available for use.

On September 18, 1941, Solon J. Buck, director of research and publications in the National Archives since 1935, became the second Archivist of the United States. He succeeded R. D. W. Connor who resigned to accept a newly-endowed professorship of American history and jurisprudence at the University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill.

In keeping with a policy already followed by several universities, New York University is permitting its candidates for doctoral degrees to reproduce their theses on microfilm. A substantial saving is thus afforded the student. Of a distinct advantage to the library will be the slight decrease in the demand for shelf space.

## South

Recent gifts to the library of the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Va., E. G. Swem, librarian, include a collection of letters of Thomas Ritchie and members of the Harrison family at Brandon for the years 1830 to 1875. A collection of thirty George Mason papers has been added to the library's collection which already includes letters by Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, James Monroe, George Washington, and John Marshall.

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Another gift of considerable significance was that of the Cabell papers for the period from 1740 to 1850, during which time five generations of the Cabell family attended William and Mary.

The Merner-Pfeiffer Library of Tennessee Wesleyan College, Athens, was dedicated on November 5, 1941. Frances Mackey is librarian.

The Joint University Library of Nashville, Tenn., A. F. Kuhlman, director, was dedicated with appropriate ceremonies on Friday and Saturday, December 5 and 6, 1941. The dedicatory exercises marked the culmination of a program of cooperation between George Peabody College for Teachers, Scarritt College, and Vanderbilt University which was actively begun in 1935. Jointly owned and directed and giving service to three institutions, the Joint University Library represents the most advanced stage that library cooperation in this country has reached.

*Middle West* Colorado State  
College Library,  
Fort Collins, James

G. Hodgson, librarian, held open house for the faculty on December 1, 1941, in celebration of having grown to one hundred thousand volumes. The regular monthly faculty meeting was held in the library at this time. Through appropriate talks, attention was drawn to the problems and opportunities of libraries today and tomorrow. Following tea which was served in the building, members of the faculty were invited to examine a series of exhibits illustrating various activities of the library and staff.

The South Dakota State College,

Brookings, H. Dean Stallings, librarian, has added shelves to the stacks of its library sufficient to house fifty thousand additional volumes. Thus will its shelf capacity be brought to 125,000 volumes. Shelves to support about eighty thousand volumes more can be installed.

For several years the efforts of Indiana librarians have been directed at improving facilities for the training of school librarians. Working in conjunction with the department of public instruction, the state board of education, and the supervisor of school libraries, this group is now engaged in a study of the problems connected with the training of school librarians.

The James Jerome Hill Reference Library of St. Paul, Helen K. Starr, librarian, has received the five hundred-volume accounting and taxation library of the late Herbert M. Temple of St. Paul.

A readers' advisory service to assist students in discovering the bibliographical resources of the Antioch College Library, Yellow Springs, O., has been announced by Paul H. Bixler, librarian.

The 1941 Kansas legislature appropriated \$250,000 for building and equipping a library building on the campus of the State Teachers College at Emporia.

*Southwest* The University of  
Texas Library, Austin, Donald Coney, librarian, has acquired for its archives collection more than a thousand photographs of old buildings still standing in Texas. These photographs were made as a part of a nationwide project of the Historic American Buildings Survey.

### *Far West*

The Library Associates of Occidental College, Los Angeles, an organization of alumni and friends interested in the development and enrichment of the library, held their first meeting on November 24, 1941, with Louis B. Wright of the Huntington Library as the speaker. Elizabeth J. McCloy is librarian.

The library of the University of California at Los Angeles, John E. Goodwin, librarian, has acquired the library of ex-Senator Thomas P. Gore of Oklahoma. The collection includes more than four hundred volumes in the field of money and banking.

A committee of the state college presidents, under Aymer Hamilton of Chico State College, has been working on proposals for the reclassification of library positions in the state of California. The chairman proposed a classification scheme similar to that of the teaching faculty, with a salary schedule on a par with that body.

The library of the University of Southern California, Miss Christian R. Dick,

librarian, received from the estate of librarian emeritus Charlotte M. Brown, who died on March 11, 1941, an excellent collection of books, pamphlets, and clippings on the Catalina Islands.

### *Personnel*

Robert A. Miller, director of libraries of the University of Nebraska, Lincoln, has been appointed director of libraries of Indiana University, Bloomington, effective March 1, 1942. Stephen A. McCarthy, now associate director, is succeeding him as director.

Alma Bennett became librarian of Ottawa University on September 1, 1941. She succeeded Virginia Richards who resigned.

Fina C. Ott, formerly librarian at Alma College, Alma, Mich., became librarian of Washburn Municipal University, Topeka, Kan., on September 1, 1941, succeeding Jessie Dean who retired in August after thirty-eight years as librarian.

Paul W. Winkler has been appointed librarian of McPherson College, McPherson, Kan., to succeed Claxton Helms.

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